

FEBRUARY 21, 2002

The regular meeting of the Santa Rosa County Fire Safety Board of Adjustments and Appeals was held February 21, 2002, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Santa Rosa County Building Inspection Department located at 6051 Old Bagdad Highway Room 202, Milton, FL 32583. Board members in attendance were Vice Chairman Paul Hazucha, Warren Morgan, Dusty Rhodes and Steve Rowell.

Building Inspection Department Staff in attendance were Martin Riley, Building Official; Rhonda Royals, Office Superintendent; Tim Tolbert, Fire Official/Chief Plans Examiner; Tambre Weiland, Fire Safety Inspector; and Esna Cluck, Permit Analyst.

Mr. Paul Hazucha, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p. m.

Agenda approval:

Royals asked to Board to add a variance request for Westfield Mini Warehouses for a fire hydrant variance. There were no objections. Rhodes made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment. There was a second from Rowell. Motion carried with 3 ayes.

Approval of minutes:

Rhodes made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 17, 2002, meeting with a second by Morgan. Motion carried with 3 ayes.

Next meeting:

The next scheduled meeting is to be held on March 21, 2002, at 4:00 p.m.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Variance Request:

Quikrete Companies

Tolbert gave a brief description of the building and the reason for the variance. Tolbert stated that the nearest fire hydrant is approximately 1400 feet as the hose is laid.

Gary Bishop, Engineer, spoke as a representative of Quikrete Companies. Bishop stated that there is a large lake that is approximately 12 acres and between 10 and 20 feet deep on site. Bishop said their proposal is to put a six-inch line coming out of the lake up to off the edge of the lake to stabilized ground and to the existing road that goes down to the lake. Bishop said they would put a fire hydrant at that point and a check valve to keep the system wet all the time. Bishop stated that if hydrant is in that location, it would be approximately 600 feet to the most remote corner of the building. Bishop said they are asking for a variance to the 500 feet rule if all of these things are done. Bishop told the Board that he has a sketch of the proposal and passed out the sketch to each Board member. Discussion of the sketch ensued.

Rowell stated that he had questions for a representative from the Bagdad Fire Department. Nick Anderson with the Bagdad Fire Department came to the podium. Rowell asked if Anderson had been to the site and looked at it. Anderson replied that he had not been to the site since he heard about the variance request. Rowell asked about the accessibility so the fire department would be able to get to the site and the feasibility of the proposal. Rowell also asked if a drought study had been done on the lake.

Weiland approached the podium and stated that she has been out to the site and that she had spoke with Chief Dunlap of the Bagdad Fire Department regarding this project. Weiland stated that access would not be much of an issue if they can get the hydrant away from the lake far enough and that there was a stable road that would facilitate fire apparatus. Weiland stated that very close to the water there is an accessibility problem. Weiland stated that Chief Dunlap suggested to her that the installation of a hydrant would enable them to fight fire better than what is currently on site, especially with new construction.

Hazucha asked if Bagdad Fire Department would have a problem with a hydrant of this sort. Anderson stated there are several hydrants of this type in their fire district. The fire department likes to make recommendations on the hydrant. Discussion ensued regarding these recommendations. Bishop stated they would put the hydrant wherever the Bagdad Fire Department wants it, but they are anxious to get started with the project and this is the only thing holding them up. Tolbert brought up the possibility of giving them a foundation only permit to get started until the next scheduled meeting of the board. Riley stated he would okay a foundation only permit with the Board's authorization and the understanding that they come back before the Board at the next scheduled meeting. Discussion ensued.

Rowell made a motion to authorize the builder to start the slab and table the issue until the next scheduled meeting. There was a second by Rhodes. Motion carried with 3 ayes.

Variance Request:

Westfield Mini Warehouse

Tolbert gave a brief description of the building and the reason for the variance. Tolbert stated that the Board has had other variance requests in this area and the area is due to have new water lines and hydrants installed. Tolbert referred the Board to minutes from previous meetings and variance requests.

Bob Radcliff, O'Neil Construction, Inc., stated that he met with Midway Water and was told the lines and hydrant would take approximately three months to install after the bid is awarded to a contractor. Discussion ensued.

Morgan made a motion to accept the variance request with a second from Rowell. Motion carried with 3 ayes.

Public Forum:

Sean Schooley, UWF Graduate Student, was present to observe a public meeting for a class assignment. Schooley stated that the meeting was very orderly, the issues were addressed and things went very smoothly. Discussion ensued regarding other county meetings.

Rowell made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Rhodes. Motion carried with 3 ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.